

**June 26, 2014**

# **Montana Health Care Programs Notice**

## **Audiology and Hearing Aid Providers**

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**Effective July 1, 2014**

### **Reimbursement Rate Changes and Terminology Change Regarding Method of Payment**

The Audiology and Hearing Aid provider reimbursement rates for services and supplies paid at a fee schedule amount will be increased by approximately 2% for SFY 2015 beginning July 1, 2014. This is due to an appropriation by the 63rd legislative session in 2013. For services paid utilizing the RBRVS method of reimbursement, the conversion factor will change from \$23.08 in SFY 2014 to \$24.33 for SFY 2015.

The Department has changed the terminology used to define the reimbursement method based on a percentage of a provider's billed charge. The term "by report" will no longer be used. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will replace "by report" on the Department fee schedule.

The Department has determined that the MSRP is a better representation of how medical supplies and equipment are priced and reimbursed in accordance with the Administrative Rule of Montana. As it was with the "by report" method, a procedure with MSRP listed as the method of reimbursement on the fee schedule will be paid either a percentage of the billed charges or the acquisition cost of the item.

In an effort to maintain an up-to-date fee schedule, the Department removed six codes from the audiology fee schedule that have shown little to no utilization in the past 3 years.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Shorten at 406-444-5296 or [DShorten@mt.gov](mailto:DShorten@mt.gov).

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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